

Delahunt, William

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Sent: Friday, April 09, 2004 7:44 PM

To: Delahunt, William

Subject: Fallujah

Dear Congressman Delahunt,

While I very much support our efforts to promote democracy in Iraq and believe we definitely should be there, the past week's events in Fallujah have made me sick and ashamed.

I am a combat veteran of Viet Nam ( 1965-65). I feel I have earned the right to speak out and to be listened to.

We are repeating in Fallujah many of the very same and very serious mistakes we made in 'Nam:

"We had to destroy the village to save it". In my personal experience in 'Nam and what I see in present day Iraq, the use of intense fire power is effective to achieve only a single objective: cover fire to protect our troops' withdrawal when they are in serious danger. Other uses of massive fire power alienate the local populations to the point of hatred, create more "insurrectionists" than could any recruiting campaign, and serve to enrage the very people whose moral support we desperately need.

Congressman Delahunt, we are losing it over there. Please help.

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